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Dear Neighbor,

You may have heard recently from Con Edison Solutions or Constellation Energy introducing you to Westchester Power, a new energy program that is intended to provide choice and lower pricing for all Bedford residents and small businesses. This program will be operational as of May 1, 2016. Here's how the program works:

**Who:** Twenty Westchester municipalities joined together to negotiate a bulk purchase of electricity. After a competitive bidding process, two thoroughly vetted and reputable suppliers were selected: 1) **Con Edison Solutions**, a subsidiary of Con Edison, for customers currently serviced by Con Edison; 2) **Constellation Energy**, a subsidiary of Exelon, a publicly traded company, for customers currently serviced by NYSEG.

## **Program Goals:**

- Give consumers the power of **choice** in deciding how their energy is provided.
- Create cost stability and potential savings by providing fixed, stable rates that do not fluctuate on a
  monthly basis. As of today, Westchester Power rates are lower than last year's trailing 12-month
  average.
- Accelerate the use of **100% renewable energy** countywide.

**Logistics – It's Simple, Just One bill:** Your bill will still come from Con Edison or NYSEG. Con Edison or NYSEG will still deliver your power and provide service for power outages.

## **Your Choices:**

- **Do nothing** and you will enjoy stable rates that are lower than 2015 average rates and participate in bringing 100% renewable energy to Westchester County.
- **Opt-out** and return to Con Edison or NYSEG as your electric power supplier. You can do so at any time without penalty. Go to <a href="https://www.westchesterpower.org">www.westchesterpower.org</a>. You also can call 844-4WC-POWER (NYSEG area) 855-4WC-POWER (Con Ed area)

**If you are already purchasing electric power from an energy supply company (an ESCO)** and are considering switching to Westchester Power, review your existing contract to see when it expires and what (if any) penalties apply for early termination. You can choose to terminate your contract with the ESCO and fill out an "opt in" form to join the Westchester Power program at any time. Go to <a href="https://www.westchesterpower.org">www.westchesterpower.org</a>

**For More Information:** The Town of Bedford is holding a public information session on the Westchester Power program at the <u>Katonah Village Library on Wednesday</u>, <u>April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm</u> – all are welcome. For detailed program information, including *frequently asked questions*, visit <u>www.westchesterpower.org</u>. Or, please call or email me directly at 666-6530 or <u>supervisor@bedfordny.gov</u> with any questions.

Sincerely,

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